## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 2, 5-8, 10, 13-16 and 21-25 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 3-4, 9, 11-12, 17-20 and 26 were canceled herein.

Claims 2, 5-8, 10 and 13-16 were amended herein

Claims 21-25 are allowed.

Claims 5–6, 8, 13–14 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Those claims have been so rewritten. In addition, claims 2 and 7 were amended to depend from rewritten independent claim 5, and claims 10 and 15 were amended to depend from rewritten independent claim 13. Accordingly, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@munckbutrus.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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